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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**Applicant :** Christian Knöpfle et al.  
**Serial No. :** 09/921,233 **Group:** 3732  
**Attr. No. :** 60,500-072 **Examiner:** Philogene, Pedro  
**Filed :** August 1, 2001  
**Title :** Self-Retaining Implant And A Device  
For Securing The Implant

**ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Respectfully submitted,

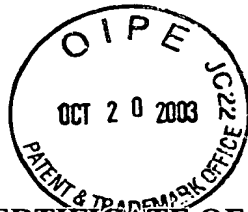
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October 16, 2003

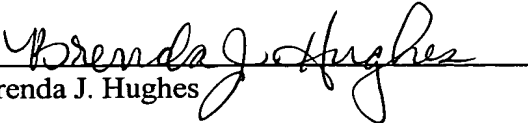
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